

BILL NO. 89-4

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND  
BILL NO. 89-4

Introduced by Council Member Schafer

Legislative Day No. 89-5 Date February 14, 1989

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Subsection B of Section 235-3, Grant of Nonexclusive Franchise of Chapter 235, Television, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to allow 15 year renewal periods for cable television franchises.

By the Council, February 14, 1989

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: March 14, 1989

at: 6:30 p.m.

By Order: Doris Poulsen, Secretary

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on March 14, 1989, and concluded on, March 14, 1989

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council Of Harford  
2 County, Maryland, that Subsection B of Section 235-3, Grant of  
3 Nonexclusive Franchise, of Chapter 235, Television, of the  
4 Harford County Code, as amended, be, and it is hereby, repealed  
5 and re-enacted with amendments, all to read as follows:

6 Chapter 235. Television.

7 Section 235-3. Grant of Nonexclusive Franchise.

8 B. The franchise shall become effective on the date on  
9 which the granting authority notifies the company that the  
10 franchise has been awarded pursuant to this chapter and in  
11 conformance with this Code. The franchise shall remain in  
12 effect for fifteen (15) years, unless sooner terminated as  
13 hereinafter provided. The franchise shall be subject to  
14 renewal for a period of [ten (10)] FIFTEEN (15) years' duration  
15 on the same terms or conditions as contained in this chapter or  
16 on such different or additional terms and conditions as may be  
17 lawfully specified by the granting authority and as are  
18 consistent with the requirements of the Federal Communications  
19 Commission. No renewal of such franchise shall be granted  
20 unless authorized by the Council following an appropriate  
21 public proceeding involving public notice and an opportunity  
22 for interested parties to participate, during which proceeding  
23 the corporation's past performance, the adequacy of the  
24 provisions of the expiring franchise and the consistency of  
25 such provisions with applicable standards of the Federal  
26 Communications Commission have been considered.

1 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that this Act shall take  
2 effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

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4 EFFECTIVE: June 5, 1989  
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7 The Secretary of the Council does  
8 hereby certify that fifteen (15) copies  
9 of this Bill are immediately available  
for distribution to the public and the  
press.

10 Doris Poulsen, Secretary  
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Read the third time.

Passed LSD 89-8 (March 14, 1989)

Failed of Passage \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive  
for his approval this 15th day of March, 1989  
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

APPROVED:



BY THE EXECUTIVE

County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the  
disapproval of the Executive within twenty-one (21) days of its  
presentation, becomes law on April 5, 1989.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

EFFECTIVE: June 5, 1989